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'Paper Americana' In Library Display

"The Many Sides of Paper Americana," on loan from Arthur G. Lyon Jr. of Hale St., Rockville, is now on display at the Rockville Public Library.

A London Gazette of 1674, bearing the hated stamp tax, and a Sept. 4, 1777 issue of the Independent Chronicle of Boston are featured in the display. The Chronicle describes General Burgoyne's campaign in the Revolutionary War.

A stock certificate of the People's Railway Company, the original value of which was $134,600 and a $100 bill from the New England Commercial Bank of Bridgeport, issued when banks could issue their own money, are also part of the display.

A price list of the Boston Dental Association, printed in the 1880s shows extractions at 25 cents and 25 cents extra "with gas or air" and gold fillings $1 and up.

Of special local interest is an advertising poster of a theatrical production at Henry Hall in the 1880s. Henry Hall was on the upper floor of the Henry Building which was located on Park Place and Park St. in Rockville until a few years ago when it was declared unsafe and had to be razed. Also of local interest are old billheads from Rockville and Hartford stores, obituary cards and a provisional teacher's certificate dating back to 1855.

Along with the display is a list of important historical dates concerning Vernon from 1700 to 1850. Lyons, president of the Historical Society, compiled the list for that organization. Copies will be available to the public at no charge.